

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources
Marine Resource Division

**Summary of Regulations for Eel Fishing
2007-2008**

This document should be kept on board all vessels employed for commercial eel/elver fishing as a reference to regulation, not to supersede knowledge of the pertinent laws.

Saltwater License Requirements:

Saltwater Commercial License	Resident	\$ 25.00
	Non-Resident	\$ 300.00
Equipment	POTS/TRAPS	
	Resident	\$ 25.00 for 1 st 50, \$1 for each additional
	Non-Resident	\$ 125.00 for 1 st 50, \$5 for each additional
	DIP NET	
	Resident	\$ 10.00 each
	Non-Resident	\$ 50.00 each
	FYKE NET	
	Resident	\$ 10.00 each
	Non-Resident	\$ 50.00 each
Dealers	Wholesale	
	Resident	\$ 100.00
	Non-Resident	\$ 500.00

Freshwater License Requirements:

Commercial License	Resident	\$ 50.00
	Non- Resident	\$ 1000.00
Equipment	Trap/Pot tag	
	Resident	\$ 5.00 each
	Non-Resident	\$ 50.00 each

Permits:

A permit must be obtained prior to fishing for any stage of the American eel with any type of gear in all waters of the State. Permit conditions apply to both fresh and marine waters within those areas, which have been designated as open to eel fishing. Permits will be issued to individual fisherman by gear type and river system.

Permits granted under this section may be limited in number and may be conditioned so as to designate seasons, size limits, take or catch limits, hours, areas, fishing methods, type and amount of equipment, and catch reporting requirements. [Section 50-5-1555 (B)]

The Department may define an approved fyke net for the taking of eels in the waters of this State and may permit and limit its use by means of permits granted under this section. [Section 50-5-1555 (C)]

All permits must be obtained through the Permitting Office at Office of Fisheries Management at 217 Fort Johnson Road, Charleston, SC 29412.